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SUBJECT: SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONGEN LOURENCO
MARQUES

DEPT FOR SY/FO, AF/EX, AF/FBO, AF/OC

1. RSO PRETORIA VISITED LOURENCO MARQUES (LM) FROM
18 TO 20 SEPTEMBER.

2. THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE IN AN EFFORT TO MAXI-
MIZE THE SECURITY OF US PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS IN LM. THE RE-
COMMENDATIONS ARE BEING FORWARDED BY CABLE AS IT IS DEEMED THAT
RECENT VIOLENCE IN THIS CITY, AND THE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE DISTUR-
BANCES, ADDS A SPECIAL
URGENCY TO THEIR CONSIDERATION BY THE DEPT.
AS THE DESTINY OF MOZAMBIQUE IS TRANSFERRED FROM PORTUGUESE TO
FRELIIMO HANDS, THE FABRIC OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE TESTED TO SUCH
AN EXTENT THAT IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT USG PERSONNEL AND PROPERTIES
COULD BECOME, EITHER INTENTIONALLY OR UNINTENTIONALLY, SUBJECT TO
VIOLENCE BORN OF RAPID CHANGE.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL:

A. EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION: PRETORIA RCD AND TSO IN-
STALLED A 1012 DISINTEGRATOR AT POST TO REPLACE THE AIR FED MODEL 88
INCINERATOR. THE POST HAS NO NITRATE KITS AVAILABLE. POST
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CURRENTLY HAS APPROXIMATELY ONE LINEAR FOOT OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL.

RECOMMENDATION #1: TWO NITRATE KITS BE PROVIDED TO POST AND THAT FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO BUILD A PLATFORM AND PURCHASE A TARPAULIN TO HOUSE THE NITRATE KITS. NITRATE KITS ARE REQUIRED BECAUSE THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR, A KATOLIGHT, GASOLINE POWERED 2.5 KA GENERATOR, IS SUFFICIENT ONLY TO POWER E&E RADIO AND TELEX EQUIPMENT. A LARGER GENERATOR IS NOT RECOMMENDED BECAUSE ONE SUFFICIENT TO POWER THE DISINTEGRATOR WOULD BE TOO HEAVY TO BE PLACED ANYWHERE IN THE CONSULATE.

B. EMERGENCY LIGHTING: POST CURRENTLY HAS NO EMERGENCY LIGHTING CAPABILITY.

RECOMMENDATION #2: THAT POST BE ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIX ELAN SELF-CONTAINED EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEMS WITH AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SPARE BULBS. ESTIMATED COST: \$1,500.

C. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION: THE POST HAS AVAILABLE TWO MOBILE RADIO UNITS.

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT THEY BE PLACED IN THE TWO OFFICIAL VEHICLES. IF POSSIBLE, THE ANTENNA SHOULD APPEAR TO BE A NORMAL CAR RADIO ANTENNA TO PRECLUDE A "POLICE CAR" APPEARANCE TO THE CONGEN VEHICLE. RADIOS WILL BE INSTALLED BY PRETORIA CEO ON FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LM.

D. EMERGENCY RATIONS FOR CG OFFICES: IN THE EVENT OF URBAN VIOLENCE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CG OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES MAY HAVE TO SEEK REFUGE AT THE CG SINCE ROUTES TO RESIDENCES AND THE RESIDENCES THEMSELVES COULD PROVE HAZARDOUS.

RECOMMENDATION #4: THAT POST BE PROVIDED WITH "C" RATIONS OR SIMILAR EMERGENCS FOOD SUPPLY ADEQUATE FOR TWELVE ADULTS FOR ONE WEEK.

E. GUARD SERVICE: GUARD SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED AT NIGHT BY LOCAL POLICE FOR ALL RESIDENCES WITH THE SALARY OF THE GUARDS AT ONE DOLLAR PER HOUR PAID BY POST.
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RECOMMENDATION #5: THAT ONE ADDITIONAL GUARD BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE TO THE CG OFFICES.
COST: \$1.00 PER HOUR OR \$40.00 PER WEEK.

4. FOR AF/FBO: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICER RESIDENCE AND STAFF APARTMENTS: (COMPLIANCE WITH 6 FAM 730 TO BE SUBMITTED DY POST).

A. RECOMMENDATION #6: THAT POR AND SA BE PROVIDED WITH BUZZER AND INTERCOM SYSTEM FROM FRONT GATE TO POR AND SA. CURRENTLY, GUESTS, INVITED OR OTHERWISE, APPEAR AT THE FRONT DOOR WITHOUT PRIOR SCREENING. LOCAL PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION FOR THE TWO FBO PROPERTIES: \$110.00 EACH.

B. RECOMMENDATION #7: THAT TWO IRON GATES REPLACE CURRENT WOODEN STRUCTURES WHICH OFFER NO DETERRENT AT PRO. ESTIMATES AND COMPLIANCE WITH 6 FAM 730 TO BE FURNISHED SEPARATELY BY POST.

C. POR - RECOMMENDATION #8: IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT GRILLS BE INSTALLED ON WINDOWS AND THAT WINDOW FRAMES BE REPLACED AS CURRENT FRAMES CANNOT SUPPORT GRILLS. LOCAL ESTIMATE FOR MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF GRILLS AND WINDOW FRAMES: \$2,400.

D. POR JA RECOMMENDATION #9: IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT POR BE PROVIDED WITH THREE STEEL REINFORCED DOORS. THE THREE DOORS ARE THE FRONT DOOR AND TWO DOORS LEADING TO THE MASTER BEDROOM. THIS WOULD ALLOW THE MASTER BEDROOM TO SERVE AS A "SAFE ROOM" FOR THE PO AND HIS FAMILY IN THE EVENT HIS RESIDENCE BECAME THE OBJECT OF MOB ACTION.

LOCAL COST FOR MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION: \$700.00.

E. SA - RECOMMENDATION #10: THAT GRILLS BE INSTALLED ON WINDOWS. LOCAL ESTIMATE FOR MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION: \$1,700.

5. FOR AF/EX: RECOMMENDATION #11: THAT THREE RESIDENCES WHICH ARE NOT USG OWNED BE SUPPLIED WITH IDENTICAL BUZZER/CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERCOM SSSTEM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 4A ABOVE. COST OF LOCAL PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION: \$110 FOR EACH RESIDENCE.

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6. RECOMMENDATION FOR E&E VIA US CONSULAR BOAT:

THE POST OWNS A 24 FOOT CORONET CABIN CRUISER POWERED BY

TWO 275 HP VOLVO-PINSTA INBOARD/OUTBOARD ENGINES. RECENT EXPERIENCE HAS PROVED THAT IN AN E&E SITUATION IN ALL LIKELIHOOD ROUTES TO THE AIRPORT WOULD BE CLOSED SINCE THEY TRAVERSE THROUGH THE HEART OF THE AFRICAN SHANTY TOWNS. FURTHERMORE, E&E BY ROAD TO SWAZILAND COULD ALSO PROVE TOO HAZARDOUS UNLESS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

PROTECTION WERE AFFORDED. SUCH A SITUATION WOULD LEAVE EMERGENCY EVACUATION BY SEA TO A US OR ALLIED MERCHANT SHIP OR USN SHIP AS THE ONLY

VIABLE ALTERNATIVE. IN AN EMERGENCY, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE CONSULAR BOAT COULD CARRY 15 PERSONS PER TRIP. RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF A SEA EVACUATION ARE:

A. RECOMMENDATION #12: THAT POST BE ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEN ADDITIONAL LIFE JACKETS. LOCAL PURCHASE COST: \$10 EACH.

B. FOR A/OC: THE CONSULAR BOAT IS CURRENTLY WITHOUT SHIP TO SHORE/SHIP TO SHIP RADIO. A/OC HAS ONE ON ORDER.

RECOMMENDATION #13: THAT A/OC CONTACT THE VENDOR AND
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REQUEST THAT ORDER BE FILLED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE
IN LIGHT OF EMERGENCY NEED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

7. SECURITY ASPECTS OF CURRENT LOCATION OF CONGEN OFFICES LM:
THE CR LM IS LOCATED OPPOSITE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE DOCKS AND

IN THE MIDST OF A "SIN-CITY" ENVIRONMENT CHARACTERISTIC OF PORTS THE WORLD OVER. THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CG OFFICE BUILDING FACES AN ACTIVE BAR AND IS OPPOSITE A "HOTEL" WHICH CATERS TO THE MANY PROSTITUTES WHOSE TRADE FLOURISHES NIGHT AND DAY. ONE BLOCK FROM THE CONSULATE IS A SQUARE WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE A FAVORITY LOCATION FOR DEMONSTRATIONS BY STRIKING STEVEDORS. OBVIOUSLY, THIS ENVIRONMENT IS NOT ONE A SECURITY OFFICER CAN LOOK UPON WITHOUT SERIOUS

CONCERN FOR THE PERSONAL SAFETY OF THE STAFF OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

IN A NORMAL SITUATION, THE RSO WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE CG SEEK A SAFER, MORE REPRESENTATIONAL SURROUNDING. HOWEVER, TWO FACTORS MITIGATE AGAINST SUCH A RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME. FIRST, WITHIN A YEAR OR TWO THE FUTURE CAPITAL OF MOZAMBIQUE COULD WELL BE LOCATED OTHER THAN AT LOURENCO MARQUES BY FRELIMO. SECONDLY, THE FRELIMO LEADERSHIP HAS ALREADY VOWED TO ERADICATE THE OLDEST PROFESSION FROM LM. THE FORMER IS NO DOUBT MORE FEASIBLE THAT THE LATTER. HOWEVER, THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ENVIRONMENT DOES LEAD TO ONE SERIOUS RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE PERSONAL SAFETY OF THE STAFF OF THE CONSULATE.

8. CURRENTLY, THE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED COMMUNICATOR IS MISS FRANCES BROWN. SHE IS NOW ON HOME LEAVE AND HAS BEEN REPLACED BY MR. CARL BLACKBURN. THE RSO PRETORIA CANNOT IN ALL CONSCIENCE RECOMMEND THAT MISS BROWN BE SUBJECTED TO WORKING IN THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH CURRENTLY SURROUNDS THE CONSULATE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT

OF THE NECESSITY FOR HER TO BE ON CALL AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT

AND IN THE CURRENT ERA OF DRASTIC CHANGE, TO COME UNESCORTED TO THE CONSULATE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT ON A FREQUENT BASIS. FURTHERMORE, THE CURRENT SITUATION REQUIRES A COMMUNICATOR WHO IS COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH THE OPERATION AND TUNING OF THE KWM-2 E&E VOICE RADIO, WHICH SERVED DURING THE LAST CRISIS AS THE ONLY VOICE OF THE CONSULATE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

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RECOMMENDATION #14: THAT MISS BROWN, OUT OF CONCERN FOR HER PERSONAL SAFETY, BE OFFERED AN ASSIGNMENT COMMENSURATE WITH HER CONSIDERABLE TALENTS, BUT LOCATED OTHER THAN AMONG THE DOCKS AND DENS OF INIQUITY WHICH SURROUND THE CG IN LOURENCO MARQUES.

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